Amount allocated for R and D of the LCA

2745. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated in this year's Budget for R and D activities of the LCA Engine;

(b) by when the Kaveri Engine is going to be replaced with the US Engine; and

(c) what steps the Ministry had taken to avoid committing the mistakes which it had committed with the HF-24 Project?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) The total amount allocated for R&D activities of Kaveri engine during this year is Rs. 106 crore.

(b) Kaveri Engine with flight rating standard is likely to be offered for integration with the LCA by end 2002. Kaveri is the designated production engine for the LCA.

(c) Keeping the background of HF-24 Project Government has taken up indigenous engine development concurrently with the LCA project.

Homoeopathic treatment in general hospital, Delhi Cantt.

2746. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether facilities of Homoeopathic System of medicine are not available in General Hospital run by Cantonment Board, Delhi Cantt.;

(b) whether Government propose to open any unit of Homoeopathic System in the General Hospital in Delhi Cantt. in near future;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. There is no proposal, at present, to add the facilities